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SUBJ: GKR REACTION TO GISCARD STATEMENT ON CAMBODIA

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1. THE GKR HAS PROMPTLY PRAISED GISCARD'S STATEMENT ON CAMBODIA AND INTERPRETED IT AS SUPPORTING THE JULY 9 GKR CALL FOR PEACE AND THE RECENTLY PASSED UN RESOLUTION.

2. MINISTER OF INFORMATION CHHANG SONG IS REPORTED BY THE GKR PRESS AGENCY AS HAVING COMMENTED DECEMBER 5 THAT THE KHMER PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT "REJOICE SINCERELY" AT THE STATEMENT. HE NOTED THAT CAMBODIA IS ONE OF THE FEW FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES LEFT IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND AFFIRMED THAT "WE TURN CONSTANTLY IN OUR HOPE FOR PEACE TOWARD FRANCE...WHOSE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS DESERVE OUR PRAISE, OUR ESTEEM AND OUR RESPECT." CHHANG SONG CONCLUDED THAT THE GKR DOES NOT BELIEVE FRANCE CAN REST INDIFFERENT TO THE SUFFERING OF THE KHMER PEOPLE AS "SOME HAVE INSINUATED" AND THAT ON THE CONTRARY FRANCE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AID IN THE RESTORATION OF PEACE -- "THAT PEACE WHICH HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF OUR DEEP AND OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE, THAT PEACE

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WHICH WAS SO SINCERELY PROPOSED BY MARSHAL LON NOL,

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, IN HIS DECLARATION OF JULY 9,
AND THAT PEACE IN FAVOR OF WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS IN
ITS TURN HAS JUST EXPRESSED ITSELF UNEQUIVOCALLY."
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